

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1005

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Chesapeake Biological Laboratory

2. Location

street & number Farren Avenue and Williams Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Solomons ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chesapeake Biological Laboratory/State of Maryland

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Solomons state and zip code MD 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The present "campus" of C.B.L. is composed of a loose quadrangle located between Farren and Williams Streets. Long, tall brick academic buildings enclose three sides of the quadrangle. Today, the C.B.L. facility spills over into several small auxilliary buildings, and a major new brick controlled-environment laboratory was built in 1973, but the first building is still the principal one. It is a two-and-a-half-story eight-bay brick building with a slate-covered gable roof, semi-exterior brick chimneys on the gable ends, and a pediment set into the roof and centered over the main door. The windows have two-over-two double-hung sash. The main entrance is sheltered by a portico supported on stone Doric columns. The tympanum is distinguished by relief carvings of various forms of Maryland marine life. The west side of the quadrangle is defined by a brick building that is similar in form and scale, but it is not as well finished as the original C.B.L. building. This is the main residential facility, called Nice Hall. The north side of the quadrangle is defined by a third two-story brick building that dates from the 1960s.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1925, 1931 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

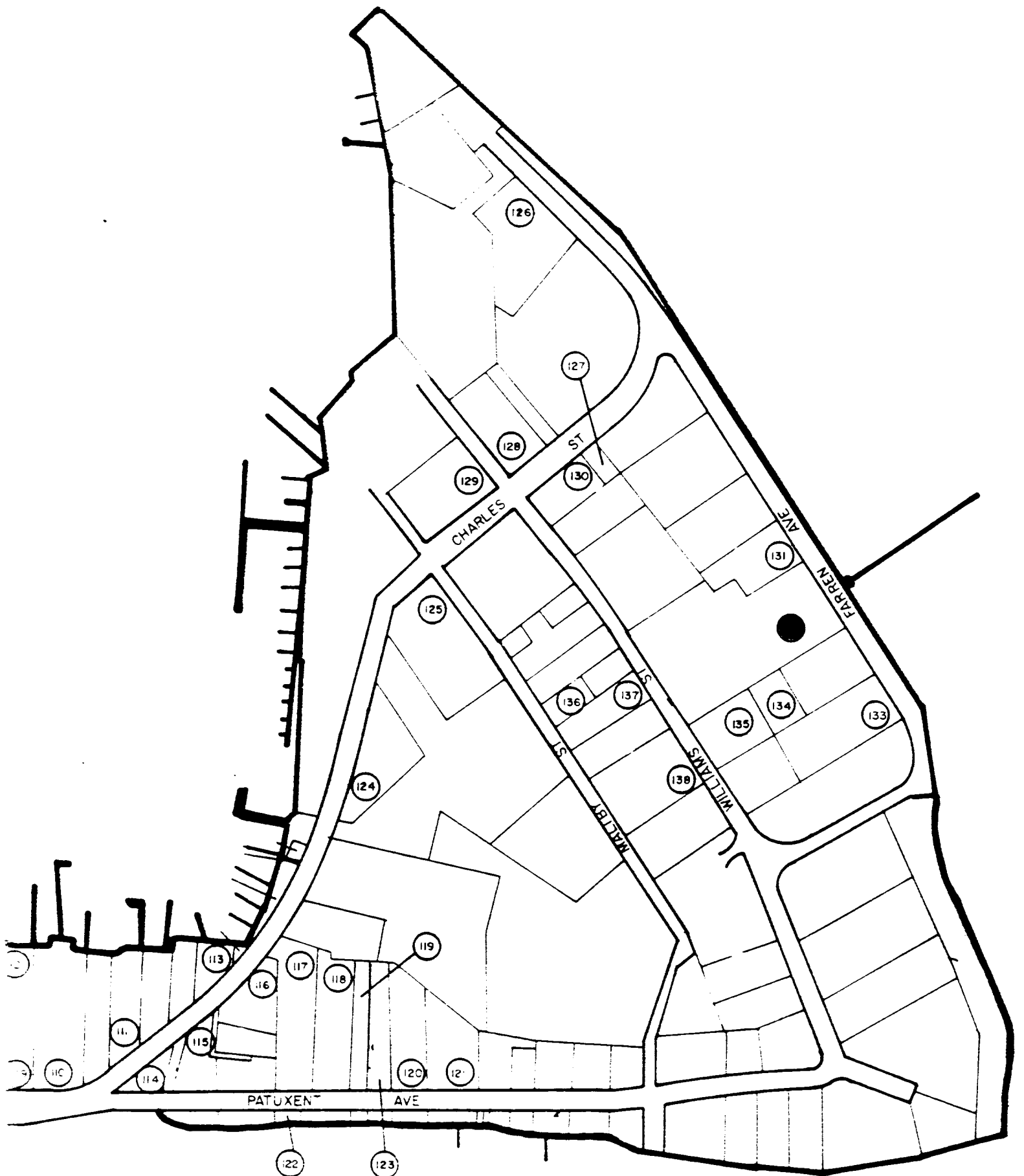
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The C.B.L. was formed by R. V. Truitt in 1925 with the Maryland Conservation Department for scientific research on the marine life of Maryland. Since 1931, it has been operated in cooperation with the Carnegie Institution, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland University, Goucher, St. Johns, Washington, and Western Maryland colleges. C.B.L. is distinguished as the first permanent State-supported marine biological laboratory in continuous use on the East Coast. From the C.B.L. historical marker and Solomons by Foot, Bicycle, or Boat.

The first C.B.L. building was constructed in 1931. The Edna Amos Nice Hall was built in 1938. Katherine Cutler, an incompetent, was the architect.

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CALVERT COUNTY MAPS # 44, 46
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Laboratory
Farren Avenue
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the east

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